

Amendment and Response

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123 98. (New) The mat of claim 13 comprising a permeability of about 600 to about 800 cubic feet per minute of air at a pressure differential of 0.5 inches of water.

123 99. (New) The mat of claim 65 comprising a permeability of about 200 to about 400 cubic feet per minute of air at a pressure differential of 0.5 inches of water.

124 100. (New) The mat of claim 65 comprising a permeability of about 600 to about 800 cubic feet per minute of air at a pressure differential of 0.5 inches of water.

124 101. (New) The mat of claim 85 comprising a permeability of about 200 to about 400 cubic feet per minute of air at a pressure differential of 0.5 inches of water.

125 102. (New) The mat of claim 85 comprising a permeability of about 600 to about 800 cubic feet per minute of air at a pressure differential of 0.5 inches of water.

Remarks

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2002. Claims 13-28 and 65-96 were rejected. Claims 97- 102 have been added. Claims 13-28 and 65-102 are pending.

New claims 97-102 have been added. Support for these claims is found in on page 15, lines 17-25 of the specification.

Claims 13-28 and 65-96 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being patentable over Vane (5,055,242) in view of Beer (5,910,458). Vane discloses a reinforcing material having a plurality of superimposed layers. Each layer consists of a plurality of uni-directional non-woven yarns or threads laid side-by-side. The yarns in at least some of the different layers extend in different directions. The layers of reinforcing material are stitched